Legal Malpractice Insurance Online Claims Reporting User Manual

Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration

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Summary

To further assist our patrons, Legal Malpractice Claim Forms can now be opened, updated and closed online through DIFP Statistics Claim Reporting Portal. This tutorial guides users through the online system for claim management. This guide does not provide information about claim requirements or regulations.

Site Address

https://apps.difp.mo.gov/ProfLiab/Login.aspx

Account Management

Users require an approved account to open, update or close claims. New users must create an account and receive approval prior to opening, updating, or closing claims. Existing users will need to sign in to manage their account information.

Account Registration

Required Information: Users will need to create and/or provide the following information when registering for an account with DIFP:

- Create a User Name
- Provide a valid Email Address
- Create a Password
- Provide Contact Name
- Provide Contact Phone Number
- Provide Contact Address Information
- Provide NAIC number(s) associated with type of filing(s)

Registration Process

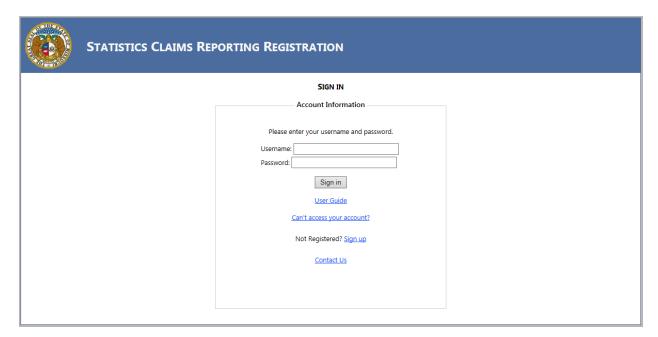
New users must register with DIFP to gain access to the application. See instruction for new user sign up: https://apps.difp.mo.gov/ProfLiab/Login.aspx

Contact Information Updates

It is important to keep your contact information up-to-date, log in into the account to manage account settings. You can change your password, email account, and contact information online through the account settings option. The system automatically approves updates immediately but account changes process nightly.

To log in, provide your username and password.

• If you forget your account login information, you may request your information sent to your onfile email address by selecting the "Can't access your account?" link.

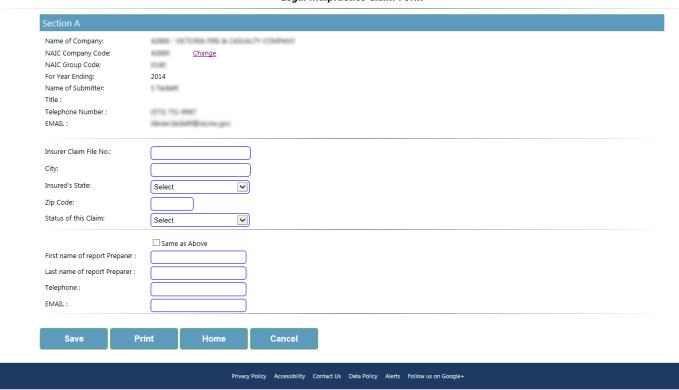


Once you log in, the page redirects to the portal homepage. From the portal homepage, select your NAIC Code and form type.

Reporting

Once you have selected the NAIC Code for your company and form selection, you will be directed to the reporting form. Verify the Name of the Company, NAIC Group and Company Codes are correct. NOTE: Companies who have nothing to report are not required to file.

The Legal Malpractice Claim Reporting form, for OPEN claims will appear as follows:



Legal Malpractice Claim Form

The top section is pre-populated by the Account Information that was entered when the User Account was created.

The "For Year Ending" field is populated as the current year minus one year.

Status of this Claim: This will be either OPEN or CLOSED. If OPEN is selected, the form can be saved. It can then be re-opened and CLOSED at a later date. If CLOSED is selected, additional entry

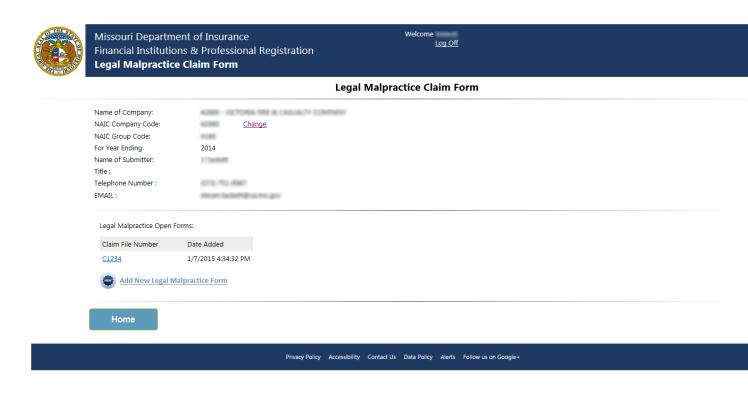
boxes will appear. All required information will then need to be entered and the form will not be able to be re-opened once SUBMIT has been selected.

Check the SAME AS ABOVE checkbox to fill the following preparer information with the information from the User Account. If other Preparer information is desired, it may be entered in the boxes.

Once SAVED and ACCEPTED by our office, you will receive a confirmation number. Please print and keep for your records.



Once a form has been SAVED and the user is returned to the Legal Malpractice Claim Form home screen, their saved OPEN forms will be displayed (see below). Clicking on the CLAIM FILE NUMBER (in blue) will re-open the saved form.



Once CLOSED is selected, in the Status of this Claim dropdown box, more drop-down and text boxes will be displayed. All of which will need an entry (see screen shot below of a claim that needs to be closed).



Welcome <u>Log Off</u>

Legal Malpractice Claim Form

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Title :	1 fadult	
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Insurer Claim File No.:	C1234	
City:	Jefferson City	
Insured's State:	Missouri	
Zip Code:	65109	
Status of this Claim:	Closed	
State Where Claim Was Made:	Select	
Population Code:	Select	
How many Lawyers were Insured		
How many years had the insured been admitted to practice at the time of the alleged error?: Select		
What is the insured's type of law office?:		
What is the insured's relationship to the claimant?: Select		
Did the claim arise after the insured made an attempt to collect a fee?:		
	Did this claim arise from an area of law?: Select	
Date of Occurrence:	Month Year V	
Date first reported to Insurer:	Date first reported to Insurer: Month Year	
Section B		
Date this claim closed or disposed: Month Year		
Claim Disposition: Select		
Amount paid to claimant (including deductible):		
Amount paid for loss expenses (including deductible):		
Amount of reserve established for loss payment:		
Amount of reserve for loss expense:		
Amount of insured's deductible:		
Section C		
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The SUBMIT button checks to verify fields have been completed properly. If not, a Notice Box will appear at the top of the screen and will give direction to what and where the error is. (See example below).



Once SUBMITTED and ACCEPTED by our office, you will receive a confirmation number. (See example below). Please print and keep for your records.



PRINT: Prints the form.

HOME: Returns to the HOME screen for form selection OR to enter/submit data for another company you are reporting for.

CANCEL: Removes all unsaved entries and returns to the HOME screen.

Contact Us

Contact the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration, Statistics Section, for help with completing this online claims system by emailing: Statistics@insurance.mo.gov

User Guide

This User Guide can be obtained from the *User Guide* menu as well as from the DIFP web site at http://insurance.mo.gov/industry/filings/stats/Stats Portal Legal Malpractice Guide.pdf

Logout

Before closing the application, be sure to log out. To log out, select the Sign Out hyperlink at the top right corner of the page. Upon successful log out, the system redirects you to a confirmation page.